

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ADMINISTRATION**

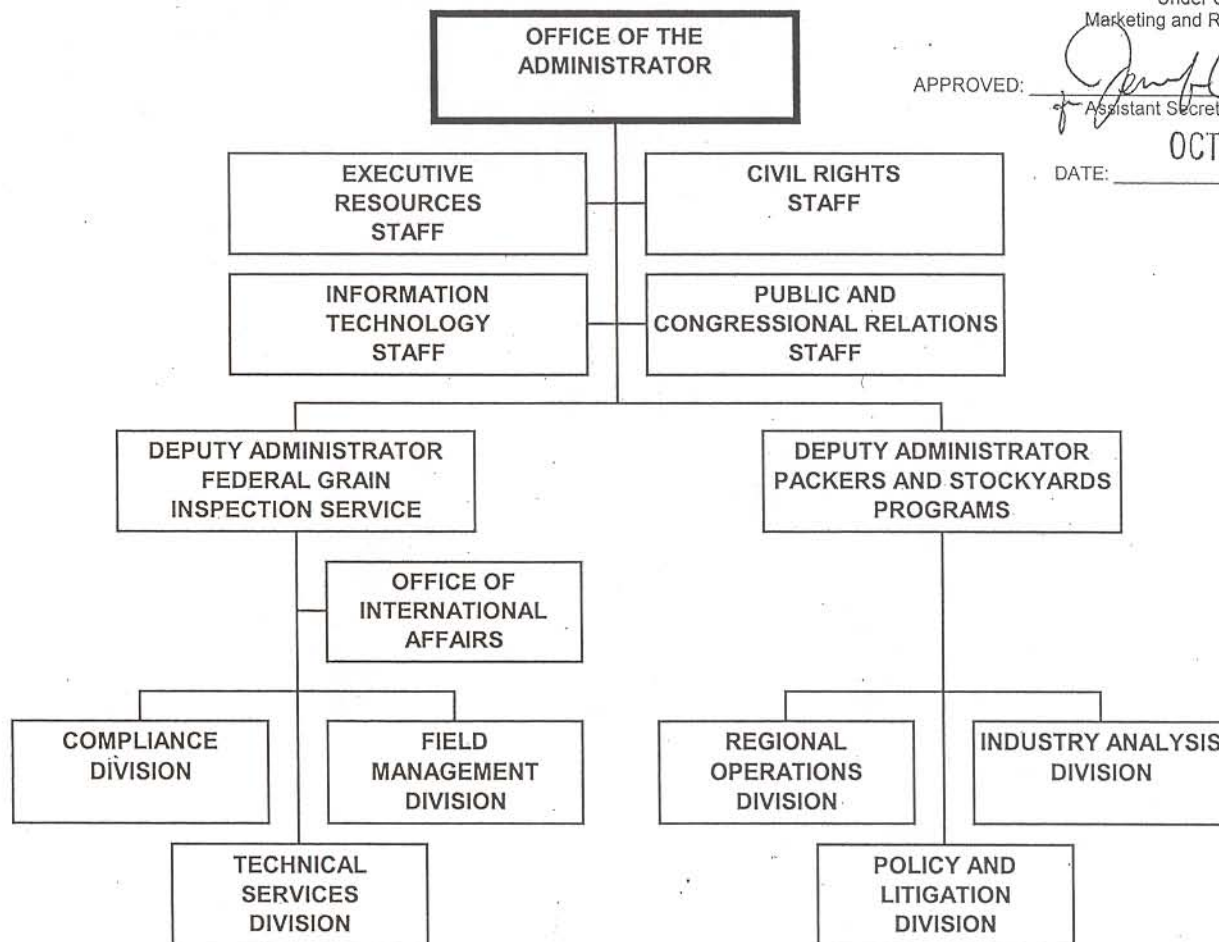
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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's mission is to: (1) facilitate the marketing of grain, oilseeds, pulses, rice and related commodities by establishing descriptive standards and terms; accurately and consistently certifying quality; providing for uniform official inspection and weighing; carrying out assigned regulatory and service responsibilities; and providing the framework for commodity quality improvement incentives to both domestic and foreign buyers; and (2) promote fair business practices and a competitive marketing environment for the marketing of livestock, meat, and poultry by fostering fair and open competition and guarding against deceptive and fraudulent practices affecting the movement and price of meat animals and their products; and protecting consumers and members of the livestock, meat and poultry industries from unfair business practices which can unduly affect meat and poultry distribution and prices.